## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 8, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/454,204, filed December 9, 1999 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,663,871 B1), which is a continuation of, and claims priority to, International Application No. PCT/GB98/01681, filed June 9, 1998, which designates the United States, and which is a continuing application of GB9711957.2 filed June 9, 1997. The entire teachings of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.